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ZaneGrey-1 Progress Report

Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd (ASX Code: BAS) reports that at 6:00 am the ZaneGrey-1 well was drilling ahead in the Latrobe Formation as planned. Depth was 2741 metres (approximately 2374 vertical metres below sea level).

Forward operations are to drill ahead to the next casing point which is expected over the weekend. Once casing is set, it is planned to drill ahead to the target zones next week. The prime targets of the well are the interpreted oil bearing sandstones penetrated in Nannygai-1. ZaneGrey-1 is targeting these sandstones at a shallower level on the same structure at approximately 3250 metres (2800 vertical metres below sea level) in the intra-Latrobe Formation.

BAS intends to make regular ZaneGrey-1 progress reports to the ASX on Tuesdays and Fridays. Significant events or results will also be reported as they arise.

Participants in the Vic/P42 joint venture are:

Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd (Operator) (ASX Code: BAS)	50%
Inpex Alpha Limited	50%

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E.G. Albers
Chief Executive Officer
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